

Inventor: Earl Votolato
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REMARKS

Claim Rejections

35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 1, 3, 5, and 14 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Green (US 4188055). Those rejections should be withdrawn in view of the amendments herein.

Claims 1, and all of the remaining claims by virtue of their dependencies, have been amended to recite that the pockets terminate in mutually opposable flattened surfaces. The pockets of Green terminate at flat sections that are not opposable.

35 USC § 103

Claims 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Green in view of Jones. Those rejections should also be withdrawn. Claims 2 and 4 are allowable as being dependent upon allowable claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes that the office considers claim 6 to be allowable if re-written in independent form. Applicant declines to follow that suggestion, because the independent claim 1 is allowable by itself.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

Claims 1-6 and 14 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

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